(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether similar two wagon manufacturing companies *viz.* Burn Standard and Braithwaite under BBUNL would also be considered for take over; and

(d) if not, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) and (b) Department of Heavy Industries has approached Ministry of Railways to take over Mokamah and Mujaffarpur units of Messrs Bharat Wagon & Engineering Ltd., as their captive units. The matter is currently under examination by the Railways.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration.

(c) Does not arise.

Pending Gauge Conversion Projects

1191. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what ere the gauge-conversion work pending as on date, State-wise;

(b) whether target date has been fixed for the completion of these projects;

(c) if so, the project-wise details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to expedite the conversion work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) to (d) The pending projects are considered as those projects which had been included in the budget with the proviso that the work would be taken up after obtaining necessary clearances. At present, no gauge conversion work is pending.The ongoing projects are not considered as pending as these are in various stages of progress.